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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

PETER VELASCO, *et al.*,

Case No. 2:13-cv-08080-DDP (VBKx)

Plaintiffs,

**ORDER APPOINTING INTERIM
CLASS COUNSEL**

v.

CHRYSLER GROUP LLC,

Defendant.

1 The Court has considered the parties' Stipulation to Appointment of Interim Class
2 Counsel and the supporting Declaration of Eric H. Gibbs. Pursuant to Rule 23(g)(3) of
3 the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the Court appoints Girard Gibbs LLP and Schneider
4 Wallace Cottrell Konecky Wotkyns LLP as Interim Class Counsel to act on behalf of
5 putative members in this case and in any additional actions that might be consolidated
6 with this case pursuant to Rule 23(g)(3).

7 Consistent with the Manual for Complex Litigation, Fourth, §§ 10.221 and 40.22,
8 Interim Class Counsel will be generally responsible for the overall conduct of the
9 litigation on behalf of the putative class and will have the following specific
10 responsibilities:

11 1. To determine and present (in briefs, oral argument, or such other fashion as
12 may be appropriate, personally or by a designee) to the court and opposing parties the
13 position of Plaintiffs and putative class members on all matters arising during pretrial
14 proceedings;

15 2. To coordinate the initiation and conduct of discovery on behalf of Plaintiffs
16 and putative class members, consistent with the requirements of Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(b)(1),
17 26(b)(2), and 26(g), including the preparation of joint interrogatories and requests for the
18 production of documents and the examination of witnesses in depositions;

19 3. To conduct settlement negotiations on behalf of Plaintiff and putative class
20 members, where appropriate, to present any proposed settlements to the Court on behalf
21 of putative class members;

22 4. To delegate specific tasks to other counsel or committees of counsel, as
23 authorized by the Court, in a manner designed to ensure that pretrial preparation for
24 Plaintiff and the putative class is conducted efficiently and effectively;

25 5. To enter into stipulations with opposing counsel as necessary for the conduct
26 of the litigation;

27 6. To prepare and distribute status reports to any other law firms that might
28 seek to represent the putative class;

1 7. To maintain adequate time and disbursement records covering services as
2 Interim Lead Counsel;

3 8. To monitor the activities of any other law firms that might seek to represent
4 putative class members to ensure that schedules are met and unnecessary expenditures of
5 time and funds are avoided; and

6 9. To perform such other duties as may be incidental to the proper prosecution
7 and coordination of pretrial activities on behalf of Plaintiff and the putative class or
8 authorized by further order of this court.

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10 IT IS SO ORDERED.

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12 Dated: December 05, 2014



13 Hon. Dean D. Pregerson
14 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
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